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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 have been examined. Claims 1-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 5,873,659 to Edwards et al. (“Edwards”)

Claims 1-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Edwards.